



PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

Glaucia PARANHOS-BACCALA et al.

Application No.: 09/319,156

Group Art Unit: 1648

Examiner: J. Parkin

Filed: November 2, 1999

Docket No.: 103514

For: RETROVIRAL NUCLEIC MATERIAL AND NUCLEOTIDE FRAGMENTS, IN PARTICULAR ASSOCIATED WITH MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS AND/OR RHEUMATOID ARTHRITIS, FOR DIAGNOSTIC, PROPHYLACTIC AND THERAPEUTIC USES

AMENDMENT

Director of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In reply to the December 26, 2002 Office Action, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 3-6, 10-12 and 18-24 without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter contained therein.

Please replace claims 1, 2, 7-9, 13-17, 25 and 26 as follows:

1 (Twice Amended) An isolated polynucleotide, comprising a nucleic acid having a nucleotide sequence selected from the group consisting of:

(i) sequences SEQ ID NO: 4, SEQ ID NO: 6, SEQ ID NO: 9, SEQ ID NO: 12, SEQ ID NO: 16, SEQ ID NO: 21, SEQ ID NO: 30 and SEQ ID NO: 31;

(ii) sequences complementary to sequences (i); and

(iii) sequences having, for every series of 100 contiguous monomers, at least 50% identity with sequences (i) or (ii).

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Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in the above-identified application.

Entitlement to small entity status is hereby asserted.
 Small entity status of this application has been established.

The filing fee has been calculated as shown below:

	(Column 1) CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT	(Column 2) HIGHEST NO. PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	(Column 3) PRESENT EXTRA
TOTAL CLAIMS	*50 MINUS	**26	=24
INDEP CLAIMS	*13 MINUS	***14	=0
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SMALL ENTITY	
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x 9	\$
x 42	\$
+ 140	\$
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Check No. 143563 in the amount of \$432.00 is attached. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any other fees that may be required to complete this filing, or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 15-0461. Two duplicate copies of this sheet are attached.

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